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**REPAIR WORK ON FRAZIER STATE PIER IN PLYMOUTH
TO BEGIN WEEK OF APRIL 30**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that repair and improvement work on the Frazier State Pier in Plymouth will begin the week of April 30, 2007. The work is designed to enhance the safety of the pier. The *Mayflower II*, a replica of the original *Mayflower*, is docked at the pier, which is adjacent to DCR's Pilgrim Memorial State Park, the home of Plymouth Rock.

The pier improvements will cost an estimated \$350,000 in total and the contract for the work has been awarded to AGM Marine, Inc. of Mashpee. The project includes replacing fender piles and selected deck timber, and bringing all handrails up to current safety standards. The work is being funded by the Rivers and Harbors Program of the DCR Office of Waterways.

DCR and the project contractor are working closely with the Town of Plymouth and the Plymouth Harbormaster in terms of planning. A barge with a large crane will be moored at the pier for use as a staging area during construction.

DCR is also coordinating with Plimouth Plantation, which manages the *Mayflower II*, and with Cape Cod Cruises, which operates whale watches, harbor cruises and a Plymouth to Provincetown ferry from the pier, to minimize impacts to visitors and customers while the work is being done. It is expected that the *Mayflower II* will have to be moved from its current berth on the side of the pier to the head of the pier temporarily during the repair work, but arrangements are being made for visitors to access the ship through the exhibit area.

All work in the berthing area, the deck, and the inland handrail will be completed before June 10, 2007, in time for the 50th anniversary the celebration of the *Mayflower II*'s arrival in Plymouth. The remaining work will be completed by June 30, 2007. DCR has also recently awarded contracts for landscaping work, the installation of a new orientation kiosk, and the painting of the comfort station at Pilgrim Memorial State Park. This work will begin in May and is expected to be completed by June 15.

DCR is also currently undertaking a major rehabilitation of the nearby Plymouth Rock Portico, which houses world-famous Plymouth Rock. Additional information on Pilgrim Memorial State Park and the Plymouth Rock Portico preservation plan is available on DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr.

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